

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 1, before line 25, please add the following new header:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

On page 3, before line 21, please add the following new header:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 3, before line 30, please add the following new header:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 3, before line 34, please add the following new header:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 3 with the following paragraph:

--Accordingly, the object of the invention is to provide a device for storing and protecting a data carrier, which

does not suffer from the deficiencies or drawbacks of the known devices or means of this type. This is achieved by a device of the type mentioned in the above which is characterized by the features disclosed in the ~~characterizing clause of independent claim 1~~ independent claim.--